(b) if so, whether in the light of this report, Government have looked into the adequacy or otherwise of the steps taken to prevent spread of Cholera in Delhi in the light of the experience of outbreak of cholera and other water-borne diseases in 1988; and

(c) what steps are being taken in the light of the heavy toll taken in the Capital during 1988 by these diseases on the eve of and during the summer/monsoon months and how far the same fell short of requirement ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The situation was reviewed by the Union Health Secretary in meetings held on 21-5-92 and 29-5-92 with the concerned officials of Delhi Administration, Delhi Municipal Corporation, New Delhi Municipal Committee and Directorate General of Health Services and decisions were taken for comprehensive remedial action for prevent and containment of the outbreak.

The following measures to control water borne diseases are being taken with particular emphasis in J. J. Cluster/re-settlement colonies :

1. Provision of safe drinking water in adequate quantity in all vulnerable areas.
2. Dissemination of appropriate health education through various channels.
3. Surveillance & continuous monitoring of water borne diseases.
4. Regular removal of garbage and desilting of drains.
5. Distribution of chlorine tablets and O.R.S. packets.
6. Ban on sale of exposed/cut fruits and other unhygenic food items.

A Committee has since been constituted under the Chairmanship of Secretary (Health) to periodically assess the position and to evaluate & monitor the progress of remedial action taken.

Incidence of Malaria in Vasant Kunj

30. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news report which appeared in the Indian Express dated 25th June, 1992 about the incidence of Malaria in Vasant Kunj, New Delhi ;

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government thereto; and

(c) what action has been taken by Government against the Civic Authorities responsible for giving misleading information about the incidence of Malaria ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) Yes.

(b) A team of Malaria workers from the Municipal Corporation of Delhi deployed to investigate and take necessary containment measures as under :—

1. Mass survey of the area, collection of blood slides from fever cases.
2. Anti-Malarial measures were intensified and BHC residual spray was carried out in labour huts.
3. Indoor Pyrethrum spray was carried out in the positive case house and 50 houses around it.

(c) Does not arise.

Appalling Conditions in the G.T.B. Hospital, Delhi

31. SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV :
SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news report which appeared in the Indian Express dated 14th June 1992, regarding appalling conditions in the Guru Teg Bahadur Hospital, Delhi,